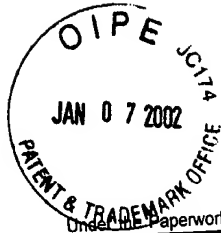


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Group Art Unit: 2814

Application No.: 09/009,248

Examiner: D. Graybill

Filed: 01/20/1998

Title: LEAD FRAME AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING THE SAME

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RESPONSE C

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Dear Sir:

The remarks below are provided in response to the Office Action dated November 11, 2000. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, dated November 11, 2000, the applicant hereby makes the following response. A Petition to Revive and a CPA were filed on May 18, 2001. The Petition to Revive was granted on June 28, 2001 while the CPA was treated an improper RCE. A Notice of Improper Request for RCE was issued on July 6, 2001. Accordingly, a Notice of Abandonment was issued on August 10, 2001. This application now stands abandoned.

Per a phone conversation with Examiner Graybill on October 17, 2001, a three month extension and fee and the RCE fee is not required in this response. In this response, an RCE, Petition to Revive and response are being filed. Applicants respectfully note that the correct spelling of one of the inventors noted in the Final Office Action is Kenji Ohsawa. Accordingly, a corrected Declaration and Oath will be filed upon execution.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 103(c)

Pending Claims 1-6 and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Ohsawa* (U.S. Patent NO. 5,756,377) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over *Ohsawa*.

The Applicants note that *Ohsawa* is improperly cited as a reference under §103(a) against the present patent application because there was common ownership between that patent and the present invention when the present invention was made. 35 U.S.C. §103(c), MPEP §706.02(l). The present patent application and the *Ohsawa* reference were, at the time the present invention was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. *Ohsawa* is, and has been, assigned to Sony Corporation of Tokyo, Japan. An assignment of the present invention to Sony Corporation has already been submitted to the USPTO in the present case. Such assignments, therefore, exist in the USPTO's records. Further, as required by §103(c) to

invalidate a reference cited under §103(a), *Ohsawa* qualifies under at least one of §102 (e), §102(f) and §102(g), particularly §102(e). MPEP §706.02(l)(1). Finally, a CPA of the present patent application was filed on November 29, 2000 and therefore the amendments to 35 U.S.C. §103(c) effective November 29, 1999 are applicable in the present case.

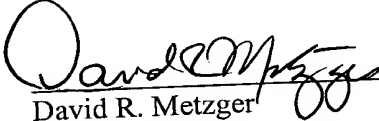
Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the *Ohsawa* reference is improperly cited as a reference under §103(a) against the present patent application, and hence request that this reference be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the pending claims are patentable. Further, the Examiner's rejections have been addressed herein. It is, therefore, submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

By its attorney,


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